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THERMOFORMING MACHINE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C. F. R. 1.97

Assistant Commissioner
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Honorable Sir:

In compliance with applicant's duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the information contained in the following documents for consideration during the examination of the above-referenced patent application:

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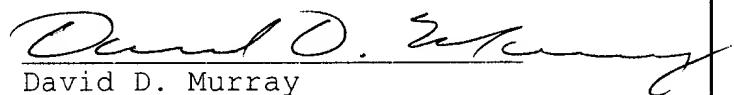
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A completed form PTO-1449 is enclosed as well as a copy of each of the references.

The above-referenced patent application, as noted, was filed October 20, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), inasmuch as the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement occurred on March 13, 2001 before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits, no fee is due.

This Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and should not be construed as a representation that any particular reference is, in fact, prior art, that a search has been made or that no other, better material information as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) exists.

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